GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:56
ANSWERED ON:20.02.2001
CONSTRUCTION OF RAM MANDIR
GADDE RAMAMOHAN;M.V.V.S MURTHI

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any statements had been made by the Vishwa Hindu Parishad and Muslim Personal Law Board in regard to the construction of Ram Mandir in Ayodhya in press and electronic media recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government thereto;

(c) whether the Muslim Personal Law Board has offered for dialogue with the Union Government in regard to construction of Babri Masjid at Ayodhya; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (I.D.SWAMI)

(a),(b),(c) & (d): From time to time, various organisations/leaders have been making statements on the Ram Janma Bhoomi-Babri Masjid issue. The course of dialogue between the concerned parties is always open. However, in compliance with the Supreme Court`s Judgement dated 24.10.94 in the case of Dr. M. Ismail Faruqui etc. versus Union of India and others, relating to the Ram Janma Bhoomi-Babri Masjid dispute, the Central Government, as a statutory receiver, is duty bound to maintain status-quo, as on 7.1.1993 in the disputed area.